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瀬戸際(せとぎわ)の
むろみさん
CHAPTER 1:
MUROMI-SAN
ON THE BRINK

I'M GOING SEA FISHING AGAIN TODAY AT THE PIER NEARBY,
I'M THE ONLY MEMBER OF MY SCHOOL'S FISHING CLUB...
MY NAME IS MUKOUJIMA TAKUROU
MY NAME NEVER SHOWED UP AT ALL IN THE SHORT'S SO...
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BUT...
I KEEP FISHING UP MERMAIDS

What we know of Muromi-san's biological tendencies (so far):

Speaks with a hakata accent

Considers all aquatic mammals(especially dolphins and whales) as her mortal enemies

Thinks saltwater fish are cooler than freshwater fish

Becomes sluggish in winter

Likes alcohol

Swims the butterfly stroke in water

Keeps up with current affairs(especially new fads)

Her singing sinks ships

She's the person behind the storm that repelled the mongol invasion in the 13th century

Has lived for at least 1,000 years

Is an omnivore

Swims faster than a tuna

She always tries to give you her scales

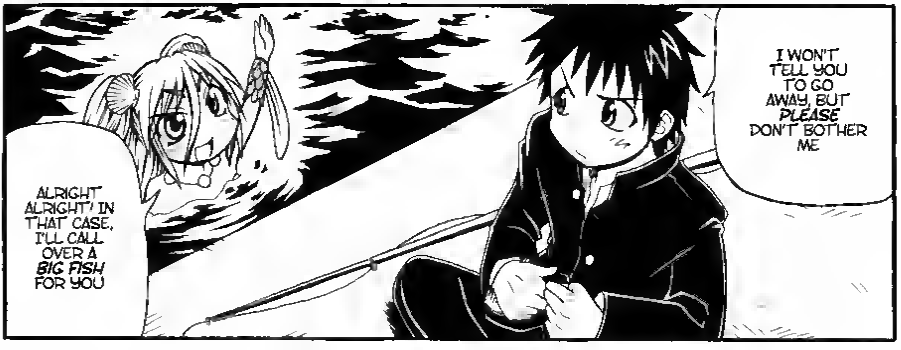
Friends with a kappa

Amphibious

Periodically lays eggs

Makes carp puns

DON'T YOU JUST FEEL LIKE EATING SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T NORMALLY SHOW UP IN THE OCEAN?
SHE'S TRYING TO UP THE TENSION
How would I know...



star fish
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And there's no one to help me out either...
Aww, I wanted to get some more starfish, this isn't nearly enough
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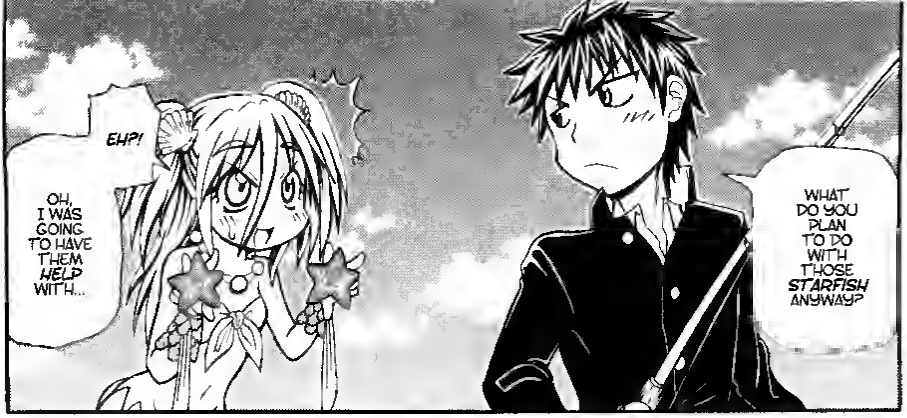
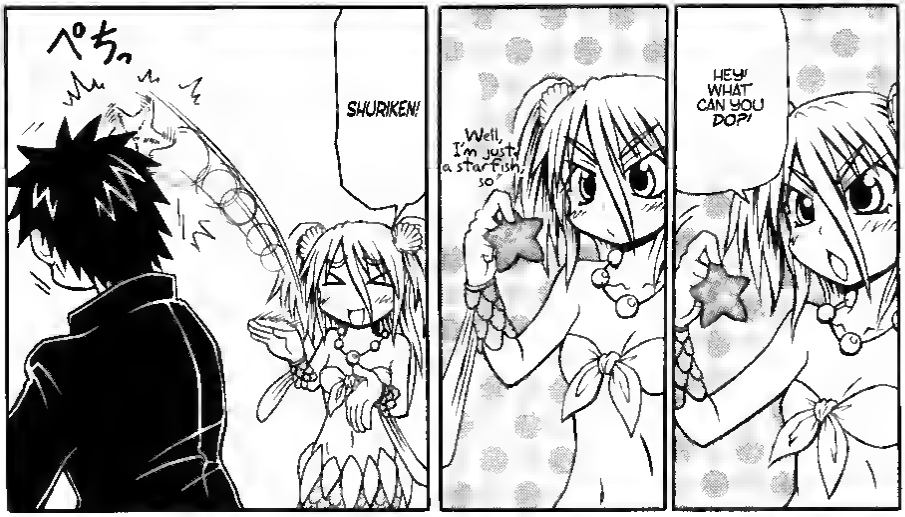
I GUESS I'M JUST...
STARVED FOR SERVICE!
JUST SHUT UP ALREADY
Look of triumph


EHP!
OH, I WAS GOING TO HAVE THEM HELP WITH...
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH THOSE STARFISH ANYWAY?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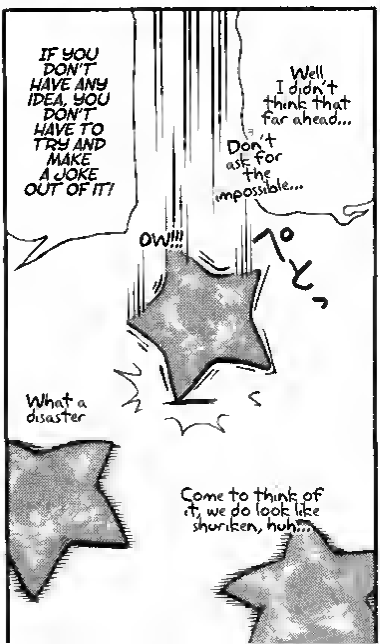
SHURIKEN!
Well, I'm just a starfish, so
HEY! WHAT CAN YOU DO?!


IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY AND MAKE A JOKE OUT OF IT!
Well I didn't think that far ahead...
Don't ask for the impossible...
OW!!!
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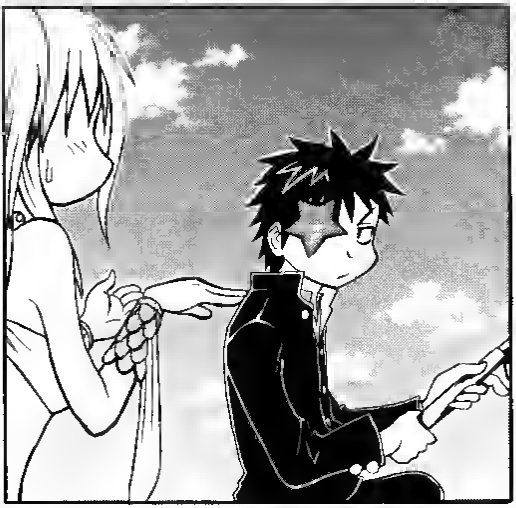
What a disaster
Come to think of it, we do look like shuriken, huh?...



Let's play!
THAT'S 'CAUSE FISHING IS SO BORING, WHY DON'T YOU DO SOMETHING ELSE?
YOU DON'T LIKE MY HOBBY?! THEN WHY NOT JUST GO SOMEWHERE ELSE?
AH?!
EARTH WORM
She really likes those...
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fufufu... NOW YOU CAN'T FISH ANYMORE!
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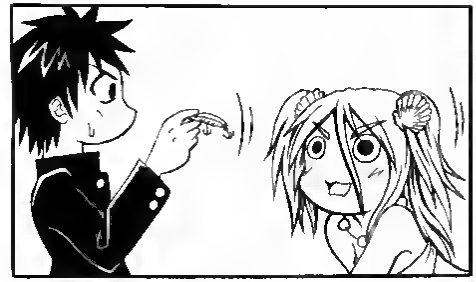
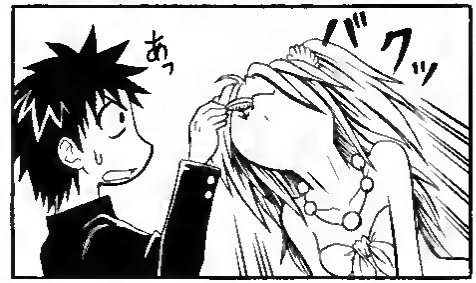
NO MATTER WHAT I DID YOU WERE GOING TO EAT THEM ANYWAY, WEREN'T YOU?!
EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE LIVING BAIT, IT'S NOT REALLY A PROBLEM SINCE I HAVE A LURE
EH? EH?! WHAT'S THAT?! WHAT'S A LURE?!
You don't know?
THE POINT OF FLY FISHING IS TO USE FAKE BAIT TO LURE FISH IN

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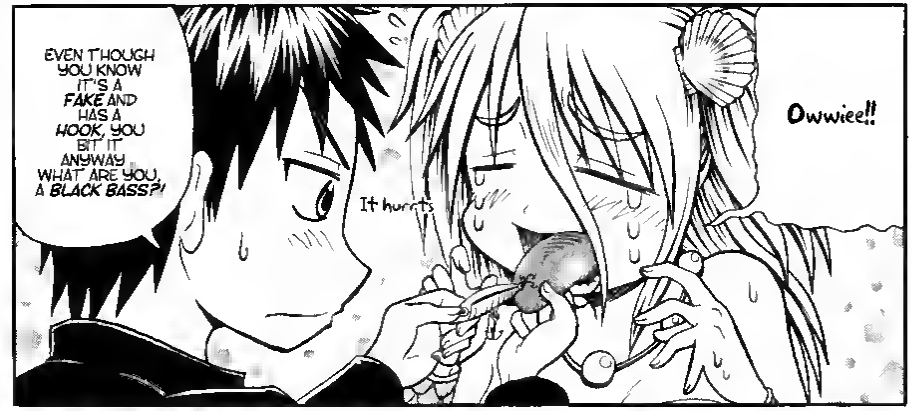
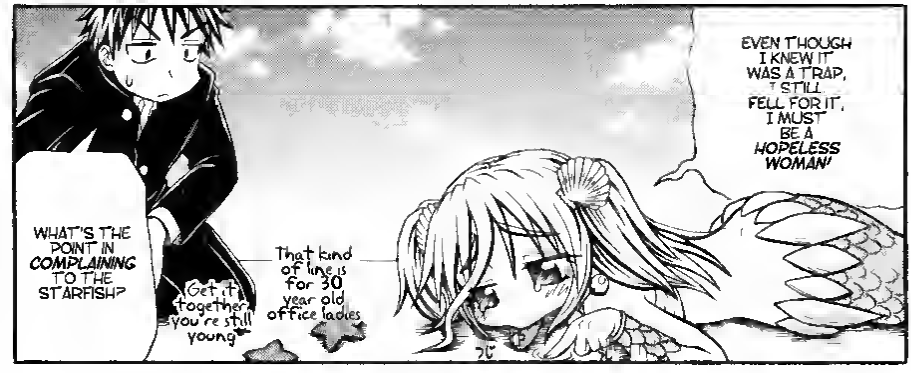

EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW IT'S A FAKE AND HAS A HOOK, YOU BIT IT ANYWAY. WHAT ARE YOU, A BLACK BASS?!
It hurts
Owwiee!!


WHAT'S THE POINT IN COMPLAINING TO THE STARFISH?
Get it together, you're still young!
That kind of line is for 30 year old office ladies
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW IT WAS A TRAP, I STILL FELL FOR IT. I MUST BE A HOPELESS WOMAN!

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